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1. AMBASSADOR SAW FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES JULY 3 TO DISCUSS SAN JOSE CONFERENCE ALONG LINES REFTEL. MOLINA MADE EMPHATICALLY CLEAR HE HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETED IN PRESS REPORTS TO EFFECT GUATEMALA INTENDS TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING AT SAN JOSE CONFERENCE. GUATEMALA WILL VOTE FOR PORTOCOL OF AMENDMENT OF THE RIO TREATY TO CHANGE THE VOTING REQUIREMENT FROM TWO-THIRDS TO A MAJORITY IN RESPECT TO LIFTING SANCTIONS. MOLINA SAID STATEMENT THAT GUATEMALA WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN SAN JOSE CONFERENCE IF CUBA ATTENDED NEVER CAME FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE DID NOT KNOW X WHERE IT ORIGINATED BUT IT HAD NO OFFICIAL STATUS. NEVERTHELESS, IT SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE OF PROVOKING ATRONG OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM COSTA RICA DENYING IT HAD ANY INTENTION OF ATTEMPTING TO INCLUDE CUBA.

2. FOREGIN MINISTER ALSO EMPHASIZED GUATEMALA BELIEVES PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS OF RIO TREATY MUST GO THROUGH RATIFICATION PROCESS BEFORE THERE IS ANY LEGAL WAY TO LIFT SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. MOLINA SAID HE BELIEVES OTHER OAS MEMBERS INCLUDING COSTA RICA ARE OF THE SAME OPINION.

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3. GUATEMALA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SAN JOSE CONFERENCE BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS WHO WILL BE EMPOWERED TO SIGN PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO RIO TREATY. MOLINA SAID GUATEMALA WOULD NOT OPPOSE CONVOKING AN ORGAN OF CONSULTATION AT SAN JOSE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT IF THE OTHER MEMBERS WISHED IT BUT HE WAS NOT AT ALL ENTHUSIASTIC POINTING OUT THAT AN ORGAN OF CONSULTATION WOULD PRESUMABLY REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. FURTHERMORE, GUATEMALA WOULD ABSTAIN ON ANY MOVE TO LIFT SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA PRIOR TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE TREATY UNLESS SOME NEW FORMULA COULD BE FOUND DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH WAS PROPOSED AT QUITO. HE STILL DID NOT SEE HOW SUCH A MOVE COULD BE LEGAL.
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